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5 July 1962

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

OPERATIONS BAORD

TRANSCRIPT

PRESENT:

[Redacted]

Acting Chrm.

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LCDR P. J. Brunette
Lt. Col. R. E. Saxon
Lt. Col. George Eckert
~~Major~~ Charles Susong
LT. Col.

Mr. Leroy Stolle

mw [Redacted]

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Major William Barger
Mr. Theodore Tate

ITEM 1 - Approval of Minutes of Ops Bd Mtg, 27 June 1962

[Redacted]

asked for comments on the minutes of the last meeting

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of the Ops Bd.

The minutes were approved as issued.

ITEM 2 - Review of Project Summary for the week ending 29 June 1962

[Redacted]

asked for comments on the project summary for the past

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week.

The Project Summary was approved as issued.

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ITEM 3 - NEW Projects and Proposed Staffing for Consideration

[Redacted]

asked for comments on the new projects and proposed staffing.

Approved as written.

ITEM 4 - Projects assigned since the last Ops Bd Mtg.

[Redacted]

asked if there were any comments on the projects assigned

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since the last Ops Bd Mtg.

Approved as issued.

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NEW BUSINESS

[] noted that the OAK on 9037 states that a certain grid was constructed since Mission 9031, but that that should be corrected as a further look at the 9031 photography shows that the grid is barely visible at that time. 50X1

[] asked Mr. Stolle to see that the coordinator of the OAK be made aware of this change and make the proper correction. 50X1

[] said that he wishes to discuss the new MCI Procedure at this time, but that he would like for the DIA representative, [] to be present. 50X1

Col. Eckert noted that [] is on his way to the Center, but he believes that the DIA representative will want to postpone their decision on the MCI Procedures as they wish to investigate the matter further. 50X1

[] believes that the main problem is in trying up too many people on the MCI. 50X1

[] noted that he has prepared a draft procedure for preparing the MCI and asked that the Board members study it. 50X1

[] said that he had heard that the Processing Plant was going to be closed down for a time because of the blue laws of the state of NY, but that there is a possibility that the 9038 material will be ready tomorrow night which means we will begin work on it Saturday. However, this is only a preliminary fix, and he suggests that we do the briefing board selection concurrent with the OAK exercise on Saturday rather than have our people stand by tomorrow night. 50X1

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[] noted that other material will be coming down from the Processing Site for the individual Services, and there is a possibility that the Priority 2 copy for AFIC will be down tomorrow night also. 50X1

Col. Saxon asked that we try to get this material to AFIC asap. 50X1

[] noted that the Chairman, [] of JN 57-62 has submitted a request that certain additional information be included in this report. He read this list aloud to the Board and asked if there were any objections to their inclusion. 50X1

[] noted that they wish to get this project out asap. 50X1

[] believes that work should proceed on 38 to include the additional information in JN 57-62. 50X1

[] asked about a replacement of the Navy man on the team, since their present man is going on leave. 50X1

LCDR Brunette noted that his man has done considerable work on this project and they do believe it would be feasible to try to train another man on this project. He will sign off for Navy.

The Board agreed to work this project until completion.

Col. Saxon said he hopes that the method of selection of briefing boards to be used on 9038 will not be a precedence for future selections.

[] assured him that this procedure will only be used in emergencies. 50X1

[] then passed out the draft paper on the MCI Procedures and again asked the Board to read same. 50X1

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LCDR Brunette asked a few questions about category C, and [redacted] explained the category to him. Brunette likes C, but not to the extent of dropping targets.

Col. Eckert called attention to Category B and stated that they are doing this work to the best of their capability. He feels that the main problem is lack of personnel, and noted that Army has been contributing more than their share to the National work.

[redacted] gave his feelings on this lack of personnel and explained^{50X1} that we cannot get more people on-board until the new T/O is approved. He has recommended that we double the PI strength in the Center with a minimum of 200 PIs. NPIC plans to go ahead on this basis, but must wait to hear from DIA as to what their plans will be along these lines.

[redacted] said that if they had the proper number of people and space^{50X1} available they would prefer to do a detailed MCS, but since space is a problem in PD as well as in the PI working areas, he cannot see how this can be done. He pointed out that on the last MCI CIA averaged 15 PIs assigned for 4 weeks, and he cannot see how he can do this again at this time.

Col. Saxon believes this problem is/^{too} bigger to be settled at one meeting, and that it should go before the ADCOM rather than the Ops Bd. However, he believes work should be done by priority passes.

[redacted] asked if we were to do work by priority passes could we^{50X1} not cut down on man-power. He then explained the forthcoming workload in the Center.

Col. Saxon suggests using part of the PIs to do the readout on priority passed for one mission and others for priority passed on other missions.

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[] agrees with Col. Saxon on the priority passes procedure. 50X1

[] believes that working the priority passes is a good idea 50X1
and believes that during the coming winter months the passes that have not
been readout can be worked.

LCDR Brunette mentioned some of the dangers of using the priority
passes method.

Col. Saxon asked that the recommendation for the priority passes method
go to the Director as a method that can be used when the Operations Officer
deems it necessary.

[] said he would prefer to see the B category used, and 50X1
explained why DIA prefers this category.

[] believes that the priority passes plan is a good tentative 50X1
working plan.

[] explained to [] that we must arrive at a 50X50X1
point as to how far we will go in preparing the MCI. Suggests that we leave
it at the level of accomplishment we have reached today at this point.

Col. Saxon said that as we notify the priority customers of the MCI,
explaining just what we intend to do, they can go back to the past MCIs to
study those areas in which they are interested.

[] noted that SAC published a one-line ~~index~~ entry MCI on 50X1
9032 which called for around the clock work which did not work as well as
it should because of the time involved.

[] asked if anyone objected to using the priority passes 50X1
procedure for the time being.

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[] pointed out that one of the main complaints that their primary users have is that in items listed as "no change" the users must go back to previous MCIs to see what the status of that item actually is. He believes that the MCI should state the most recent status of that target instead of listing ~~the~~ it as "no change".

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LCDR Brunette believes we should not go back and list all the changes, but instead should list the items as they are found on the MCI.

[] believes this is a sound idea and discussed the changes Information Branch must make in order to adopt this system. He then asked for a vote on the priority passes procedure.

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LCDR Brunette withholds his vote until tomorrow.

Col. Eckert also wishes to talk with his people before voting.

[] votes for the procedure.

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[] ~~wishes~~ wishes to discuss this with his superiors before voting.

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[] asked that the Board let him know by tomorrow noon ~~if~~ what their vote will be. He does not believe this matter will be ready to go before the ADCOM tomorrow. He asked instead that each Board member discuss this with their ADCOM member. He agreed to wait until after the ADCOM for their decisions.

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Col. Saxon asked that we start planning how many passes on each mission we can work, at a time. He also would like to know what this report will be called, MCI or MCS.

Col. Eckert said he had made up his mind about his vote for the priority procedure, votes affirmatively.

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[] again asked for comments on naming of the report. 50X1

LCDR Brunette voted for MCI.

Col. Eckert voted for MCI.

[] does not believe this is really an index, but will agree 50X1
to call it an MCI.

Col. Saxon agrees with MCI, primarily because the people in the field
with whom we deal know it as an MCI.

The meeting adjourned at 1520.

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